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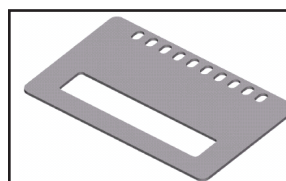
The Hawaii State Office of Elections, Offices of County Clerks of Hawaii, and DCAB have been working together to improve accessibility to the voting process since the 2004 elections. Hawaii voters will have several options available to them that will make election day a smooth experience for voters with and without disabilities.

Polling sites statewide were surveyed for accessibility to people with disabilities. For sites that did not comply with all requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), temporary modifications have been made and alternative voting methods have been established. Temporary ramps, parking signage, or alternate pathways will be designated. Some sites will have a **Ballot Call Alert System** outside the polling site. Using this system, voters can press a button to alert a poll worker that someone is waiting to vote. In this situation, the whole voting process will be conducted outside with a poll worker bringing the ballot to the voter.

All Hawaii polls will have a **Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) Voting System**, which provides both a visual and audio ballot for voters with a variety of accessibility needs. The controls are marked with Braille labels, and Gel Switches are available for voters with limited mobility. An easy to move wheel and button can also be utilized to mark the electronic ballot. The DRE machine will be available to ALL voters during the Primary and General Elections.



Each polling site will also be equipped with an **Auxiliary Aids Kit** for use by voters with a variety of disabilities. For voters with visual impairments, the kit contains: **Dome Magnifiers, Lighted Magnifiers, Signature Guides, and Magnifier Sheet.** (See graphics below.) **Pen Grips** of differing sizes will be available to make it easier to grasp a pen and mark the ballot.



Communication Cards for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing are a new addition to the auxiliary aids kit. These Cards display both American Sign Language (ASL) and graphic/picture translations of questions commonly asked at a polling site. Paper on a clipboard is also available in the auxiliary aids kit.

All of these auxiliary aids are stored in a green bag with the “Hawaii Votes” logo and the International Symbol of Accessibility on the front flap. Inform the poll worker if you need to use any item and be sure to return it so others can use them.

Outreach efforts have been made to inform the community about these improvements to the voting process and to give voters a chance to become familiar with the DRE before election day. To find out about outreach efforts in your area, check with your service provider, County Clerk’s Office, or the Office of Election at 453-8683 v or 453-6150 tty. **To schedule an outreach opportunity or for more information, please call Joan Bird at 586-8121 v/tty.**

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HAWAII TRAVELERS TIPS UPDATED

DCAB has updated the **Hawaii Traveler Tips** guide which provides useful information for people with disabilities about the accessibility of all Hawaii's airports and public transportation systems throughout the state. This guide also includes contact information for visitors to obtain medical supplies, adapted and accessible vehicle rentals, home care support, and sign language interpreters. The Hawaii Traveler Tips will be distributed to the visitor and travel industry, and it is available on the DCAB website. **To obtain copies or for more information, contact Judy Paik at the DCAB office.**



Hawaii Traveler Tips

Aloha! This guide serves to assist visiting travelers with disabilities and health conditions by providing information about the accessibility of Hawaii's airports and transportation systems. Also included is a list of medical supply companies and support services. Please make direct contact with any of the businesses or services in this guide to obtain additional information. This guide is also available on our web site at www.hawaii.gov/health/dcab/. This guide is intended solely as a resource and does not serve as an endorsement for any business or service listed herein. Suggestions for adding businesses and services for future publications are welcome.

Island of Oahu

Honolulu International Airport
The Hawaii Department of Transportation provides an Access Guide for passengers with disabilities on services (such as animal quarantine, ground transportation, motorized wheelchairs, porter services, accessible restrooms, and TTYs) at the Honolulu International Airport. Obtain this guide at http://www.hawaii.gov/dot/airports/ada_faa.htm. For more information, contact the Visitor Information Program at the Honolulu International Airport at (808) 536-6413 (TTY).

Adapted Vehicle Rentals
Car rental companies will install hand controls. Persons who rent vehicles may have to be transported from the car rental booth or airport terminal to the vehicle pick-up site. Contact the car rental agency in advance if you require hand controls and accessible transportation to the vehicle pick-up site.

Air Travelers With Disabilities
Individuals who experience disability related air travel problems can obtain "real time" assistance and information to resolve problems by calling the U.S. Department of Transportation at 1-800-776-4838 (V) and 1-800-455-9890 (TTY). Information for the air traveler with a disability can be found at the U.S. Department of Transportation's web site at <http://airconsumer.dot.gov/publications/horizons.htm>. The Transportation Security Administration, which is responsible for passenger airport security screenings, has information for travelers with disabilities and medical conditions on its website at <http://www.tsa.gov/public/display?theme=150>.

Alamo Rent-A-Car	1-(800) 327-9633 (808) 833-4585
Avis Rent-A-Car	1-(800) 321-3712 (808) 834-5536
Budget Rent-A-Car	1-(800) 527-7000
Dollar Rent-A-Car	1-(866) 434-2226 (808) 944-1544
Hertz Rent-A-Car	1-(800) 654-3011 (808) 831-3500
National Rent-A-Car	1-(800) 227-7368 (808) 831-3800

VOCA GRANT IMPROVES HAWAII'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

Last February DCAB received a grant award from the U. S. Department of Justice through the Hawaii state Attorney General's office to provide training to personnel in law enforcement, criminal justice, and victim services on meeting the needs of victims who have disabilities. This training program was funded through the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA). With this VOCA grant DCAB funded the registration, travel, and accommodations for 56 selected participants from the neighbor islands to attend a series of workshops on access to law enforcement and the criminal justice system. These workshops were incorporated into the **2006 Disability Access Conference** held on June 8-9 at the Hawaii Convention Center. Workshops were presented by both mainland and Hawaii speakers: **John Wodatch**, U.S. Department of Justice from Washington, D.C.; **Mei Chun**, U.S. Attorney's Office, Hawaii; **jane knox**, Hawaii consumer; and staff of the **Hawaii Disability Rights Center**. Plans are underway for more training opportunities on the neighbor islands. **For more information, contact Judy Paik at the DCAB office.**

PARKING FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM NEWS

Costs for Replacing Placards Increases

Newly amended Administrative Rules on parking for persons with disabilities (Chapter 11-219) were signed by Governor Lingle on August 7, 2006. The new rules mandate a \$2.00 increase for all temporary and replacement parking placards. Although no fee is charged for issuing a 4-year placard, replacements for lost, stolen or mutilated placards, and for issuing temporary placards, will increase from \$10 to \$12 beginning August 21, 2006. The fee increase will cover costs incurred by the counties for their participation in the parking program. The new rules are posted on the DCAB website. **For more information, contact Peter Harrer at the DCAB office.**



Public Education Initiative for Accessible Parking Underway

As part of its strategy to encourage an appreciation for the rights of persons with disabilities, DCAB's Statewide Program on Parking is inaugurating an education initiative to prevent abuse of disability parking spaces by the public. Starting this fall, a series of presentations will be conducted for high school students in driver's education classes and to Hawaii civic organizations about the purpose of accessible parking spaces at public lots. By reaching out, the initiative will help to prevent abuse of accessible parking spaces and will encourage an awareness of this issue in young drivers and the public. Abuse of accessible parking is a chronic problem nationally and internationally. **To schedule a 15 – 20 minute presentation or for more information, contact Peter Harrer at the DCAB office.**



2006 DISABILITY ACCESS CONFERENCE AND TOOLS FOR LIFE EXPO WELL ATTENDED

The **Disability Access Conference** was held June 9-10 at the Hawaii Convention Center. A total of 440 attendees benefited from presentations on employment discrimination, facility access and design, access to law enforcement, assistive technology and communication access, and access to other programs and services (e.g. health care, recreation services, etc.). The **Tools for Life Expo** was held in conjunction on June 10-11 and attracted approximately 2500 people. The Expo featured a wide range of assistive technology, products and services for persons with disabilities, their families and caregivers, employers and service providers (see photos.)



Mahalo for Making this Event Possible

Conference Sponsors and Coordinators:

- Pacific ADA and IT Center
- Assistive Technology Resource Centers of Hawaii (ATRC)
- Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB)

Tools for Life Expo Corporate Sponsor: Sprint Relay Hawaii



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- Department of Education/Special Education Services
- Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC)
- Elderly Affairs Division - City and County of Honolulu
- Hawaii Disability Rights Center
- PDMI Care
- State Executive Office on Aging

ALOHA KIRBY SHAW, WELCOME BACK CHARLOTTE TOWNSEND

With mixed emotions we announce that after 16 years, **Kirby Shaw** has left DCAB to pursue a law degree at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Kirby was involved in a long list of projects over the years at DCAB – too many to list here – all of which had significant impact on improving access for people with disabilities in Hawaii. Kirby's most recent position at DCAB was Coordinator of the Program and Policy Development Unit. Prior to that he was the program specialist responsible for administering the parking for people with disabilities program. Kirby also responded to phone calls and other inquires about disability access in general and over the years he took countless phone calls from consumers, family members, services providers, and anyone who had a question or just needed to vent about access to programs and services for people with disabilities. Kirby always had a 'patient ear' and shared his wealth of knowledge freely and graciously. The local and national disability community will miss his keen historical and personal perspective on disability issues as well as his passion to serve the public. Kirby's motivation is impressive, while maintaining his responsibilities at DCAB he pursued post-graduate studies and completed his Masters Degree in Public Administration at UH in 2003. The pursuit of a law degree has now lured him away from DCAB. Although we are sad to see him go, we wish Kirby well and know that he will succeed and continue to make the world a better place. Mahalo for all your hard work Kirby! **Kulia i ka nu'u. "Strive for the Highest."**



We are happy to announce that **Charlotte Townsend**, former long-time DCAB employee, has returned to the position vacated by Kirby. Charlotte returned to state service after a year and a half separation during which she was the Vice President and Director of Programs at Winners at Work. Charlotte began her new position on August 21, 2006, and has smoothly transitioned back into the DCAB office. Welcome back Charlotte.



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